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3) A letter that Mr. Alfred Linhards' father has sent to New York in a last desperate attempt to receive affidavits

3) Mr. Bernhard Linhards' (Mr. Alfred Linhards' father) death certificate dated 04/27/1939; he ended his life in desperation as he saw no way to save his family

PHILADELPHIA, PENNA
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ATTN: DR FRANK MECKLENBERG DIRECTOR
OF RESEARCH;

DEAR SIR;

SINCE I RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE NATIONAL FONDS DER REPUBLIK ÖSTERREICH, I AM AT THIS TIME RETURNING TO YOU THE QUESTIONNAIRE. I FELT IT MAY BE OF INTEREST TO INCLUDE A LETTER MY FATHER SENT TO NEW YORK DATED APRIL 1 1939. ONLY 20 DAYS LATER APRIL 20, 1939 MY FATHER IN DESPERATION ENDED HIS LIFE IN VIENNA. I INCLUDED THE DEATH CERTIFICATE.

IT IS A REAL SCHAME THAT NOW ABOUT 70 YEARS LATER MANY NEO-NAZIS AND OTHER BIGOTS STATE THAT THE HOLOCOST NEVER HAPPENED AND PRAISE THE WORK AND LIFE OF A MONSTER LIKE ADOLF HITLER. I LOST AN 80 YEAR OLD GRANDFATHER AND 2 AUNTS IN HIS GAS CHAMBERS.

CORDIALLY YOURS,

ALFRED LINNARD

Bernhard Linhard
Vienna II, Germany
Taborstrasse 24 II/III/21.

Vienna on April 1st 1939.

To the National Coordinating Committee for Aid to Refugees and Emigrants coming from Germany
165 West 46th street
New York.

Dear Sirs,

With your favour dated September 9th 1938 you asked the Israelitische Kultus Gemeinde here to send you personal dates and all necessary proofs about me, my wife and 4 children, with the hint that a personality in the U.S.A. was taking interest in our emigration to America. The Kultus Gemeinde has answered your request by letter of November 7th 1938, but alas until this date no dispatch of this case has come.

In view of our most desperate situation (I am banished and my wife was only able to get me free on reason of your above quoted letter, whereby an affidavit was so to say promised to me) I beg to implore you most sincerely not to forget me and my family, as I m u s t leave the country now and your letter of September 9th is my only gleam of hope since the " Umbruch " in Austria.

The second year of our unspeakable and agonizing misery has begun now already and if my only chance offered by your esteemed committee does not realize, a jewish family of intelligence consisting of 6 people, will perish unresistingly and certainly. We are condemned to death, only by your help we may be saved in the last hour. Please do consider these lines carefully and keep 6 human lifes in mind !

In case you will be so kind as to let me know the name of the noble philantropist who wants to enable us to emigrate to the U.S.A. I should be most thankful to you for it.

Please excuse me if I am troubling you by this letter, but I assure you that it is my last and final desperate attempt to save my family and me. If I don't succeed now, God will be my witness that I did everything possible to reach my aim. Of course I know my case is twice as difficult as so many others, having 4 children - should this perhaps be the reason why I don't get helped ? I cannot believe this, as of the 6 of us f o u r (me, my wife and 2 children aged 17 and 16) are able to earn our living, and therefore my family shall become no burden to anybody at all.

Different from the many thousands of would be emigrants, either belonging to some other quota, or having registered very late, I may state that we all belong to the German quota (Vienna), have registered at the local American Consulate about the middle of May last and can therefore emigrate immediatly after receiving our affidavits.

Expressing my most sincere thanks in anticipation and expecting your favourable news as soon as possible I beg to remain, dear Sirs,

yours most respectfully,

Bernhard Linhard

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Der Chfetier -.-.-.-.-.-.-.-.-.- Bernhard Israel L i n h a r d -.-.-. .-.-.-.-.-.-.-.-.-.-.-.-.-.-.-.-.-.-. mosaisch -.-,

wohnhaft Wien II, Tabor trasse 24a -.-.-.-.-.-.-.-.-.-.-.-.-.-.-.-

ist am 20. April 1939 -.-.-.-.-.-.-.-.- um ---- Uhr ------ Minuten

in Wien II, Taborstarsse 24a -.-.-.-.-.-.-.-.-.-.-.-.-.-.-.-.-. verstorben.

Der Verstorbene war geboren am 29. Oktober 1888 -.-.-.-.-.-.-.-.-.-

in Wien -.-.-.-.-. .-

(~~Standesamt~~ Matrikelamt der i.Kg. Wien Nr. Rz.4006)

Vater: Abraham S c h k u l n i k , zuletzt wohnhaft in Wien -.-.-.-.-.-.-.-.-.-.-.-.-.-.-.-.-.-.-.-

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